



Township of Ocean Schools

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SPARTAN MISSION:

Meeting the needs of all students with a proud tradition of academic excellence.

Township of Ocean Gifted and Talented Program

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Grades K-4

Description of Services

In grades K-4, students identified as gifted and talented or twice exceptional participate in a pull-out gifted and talented instructional program with a designated gifted and talented teacher. Students identified by the G&T evaluation criteria receive intensive supplemental instruction through project-based learning. General education classroom teachers provide additional opportunities for enrichment instruction through small-group and other differentiated learning blocks. In grades 1-4, students identified as having a subject area strength in math and/or ELA will be eligible for participation in a series of enrichment workshops. Each workshop focuses on expanding upon subject specific grade-level standards. In grades 3-4, students identified as having advanced talent in music and/or visual arts will be offered supplemental enrichment programs.

Evaluation Timeline

Universal Screening	Grade - K	Students are evaluated in January of their Kindergarten year for placement in G&T through the remainder of kindergarten and first grade.
	Grades - 2-4	Students are evaluated in May/June for placement in G&T for the following school year.
Requalification	Grades 2	G&T students remain in the program from year to year, but need to requalify after 2nd and after 5th grade. During these years, G&T students will be included in the universal screening process.

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Entrance Criteria

Kindergarten & Grade 1 Entrance Criteria - applies to all students		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Link It! Math - Kdg. Form B (winter)	Lower Half of scores in Quartile 1	4 points
	Upper Half of scores in Quartile 1	8 points
Link It! ELA - Kdg. Form B (winter)	Lower Half of scores in Quartile 1	1 point
	Upper Half of scores in Quartile 1	2 points
Dibels - Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (winter of grade K)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
*Dibels - Nonsense Word Fluency - Correct Letter Sounds (winter of grade K)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
*Dibels - Word Reading Fluency (winter of grade K)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Learning Behavior Survey (adopted from Renzulli-Hartman scale)	25-28	1 points
	29-32	2 points
	33-36	3 points
	37-40	4 points
Naglieri Local Norm Percentile Rank	70-80%	3 points
	81-88%	6 points
	89-94%	9 points
	95-100%	12 points
<i>Students who score in the top 7% will be granted entrance into the program. This range is typically 24 - 32 points.</i>		

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Grade 2 Entrance Criteria - applies to all students		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Link It! Math Form B (winter of grade 1)	Lower Half of scores in Quartile 1	1 point
	Upper Half of scores in Quartile 1	2 points
Link It! Math Form C (spring of grade 1)	Lower Half of scores in Quartile 1	1 point
	Upper Half of scores in Quartile 1	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (winter of grade 1)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (spring of grade 1)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
Link It! ELA Form C (spring of grade)	Lower Half of scores in Quartile 1	1 point
	Upper Half of scores in Quartile 1	2 points
Dibels - Oral Reading Fluency - Words Correct (spring of grade 1)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Dibels - Phoneme Segmentation Fluency (spring of grade 1)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Dibels - Nonsense Word Fluency - Correct Letter Sounds (spring of grade 1)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
<i>Students who earn 12-16 points in Level 1 will be evaluated further with Level 2 criteria.</i>		
Grade 2 - Level 2 Entrance Criteria		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Learning Behavior Survey (adopted from Renzulli-Hartman scale)	25-28	1 points
	29-32	2 points
	33-36	3 points
	37-40	4 points
CogAT Screener Age Percentile Rank	70-80%	3 points
	81-88%	6 points
	89-94%	9 points
	95-100%	12 points
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Grade 3 Entrance Criteria - applies to all students		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Link It! Math Form B (winter of grade 2)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! Math Form C (spring of grade 2)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (winter of grade 2)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (spring of grade 2)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
Link It! ELA Form B (winter of grade 2)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! ELA Form C (spring of grade 2)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Dibels - Oral Reading Fluency - Words Correct (spring of grade 2)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Dibels - MAZE (spring of grade 2)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Learning Behavior Survey (adopted from Renzulli-Hartman scale)	25-28	1 points
	29-32	2 points
	33-36	3 points
	37-40	4 points
Naglieri Local Norm Percentile Rank	70-80%	3 points
	81-88%	6 points
	89-94%	9 points
	95-100%	12 points
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Grade 4 Entrance Criteria - applies to all students		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Link It! Math Form B (winter of grade 3)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! Math Form C (spring of grade 3)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (winter of grade 3)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (spring of grade 3)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
Link It! ELA Form B (winter of grade 3)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! ELA Form C (spring of grade 3)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Dibels - Oral Reading Fluency - Words Correct (spring of grade 3)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Dibels - MAZE (spring of grade 3)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Learning Behavior Survey (adopted from Renzulli-Hartman scale)	25-28	1 points
	29-32	2 points
	33-36	3 points
	37-40	4 points
Naglieri Local Norm Percentile Rank	70-80%	3 points
	81-88%	6 points
	89-94%	9 points
	95-100%	12 points
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Entrance Criteria

*The top 7-8% (state average is 7.4%) of ranked students will be admitted into the gifted and talented program. Percentile ranking will be compared to the district grade-level population.

Alternate Pathway Option:

Any teacher (including ELL, SE, Interventionist, Instructional Coach, or other), guidance counselor, school administrator, and/or parent may request further evaluation of any student who does not meet the Entrance Criteria. These requests should be made to the Supervisor of Elementary Math, Social Studies, and Gifted and Talented. Further evaluation should include work samples and/or other evidence of students' abilities.

Grades 5-8**Description of Services**

Gifted and Talented Services at the Township of Ocean Intermediate School are offered as an elective for students identified as gifted and talented or twice exceptional and focuses on project based instruction. Students in grade 5 pull out of their general education classes 2-3 times a week and integrate into the block schedule of grades 6-8. G&T is offered as a semester-long elective for grades 6-8. In grades 7-8, students have an opportunity to take honors level courses. Students in grades 5-8 are also considered for math acceleration.

Evaluation Timeline

Universal Screening	Grades 5-8	Students are evaluated in May/June for placement in G&T for the following school year.
Requalification	Grade 5	G&T students remain in the program from year to year, but need to requalify after 2nd and after 5th grade. During these years, G&T students will be included in the universal screening process.

Entrance Criteria

Grade 5 Entrance Criteria - applies to all students		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Link It! Math Form B (winter of grade 4)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! Math Form C (spring of grade 4)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (winter of grade 4)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (spring of grade 4)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
Link It! ELA Form B (winter of grade 4)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! ELA Form C (spring of grade 4)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Dibels - Oral Reading Fluency - Words Correct (spring of grade 4)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Dibels - MAZE (spring of grade 4)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
<i>Students who earn 12-16 points in Level 1 will be evaluated further with Level 2 criteria.</i>		
Grade 5 - Level 2 Entrance Criteria		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Learning Behavior Survey (adopted from Renzulli-Hartman scale)	25-28	1 points
	29-32	2 points
	33-36	3 points
	37-40	4 points
CogAT Screener Age Percentile Rank	70-80%	3 points
	81-88%	6 points
	89-94%	9 points
	95-100%	12 points
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Grade 6 Entrance Criteria - applies to all students		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Link It! Math Form B (winter of grade 5)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! Math Form C (spring of grade 5)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (winter of grade 5)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
IXL Math Diagnostic (spring of grade 5)	On Grade Level	1 point
	Above Grade Level	2 points
Link It! ELA Form B (winter of grade 5)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! ELA Form C (spring of grade 5)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Dibels - Oral Reading Fluency - Words Correct (spring of grade 5)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Dibels - MAZE (spring of grade 5)	Green Core Support	1 point
	Blue Core Support	2 points
Learning Behavior Survey (adopted from Renzulli-Hartman scale)	25-28	1 points
	29-32	2 points
	33-36	3 points
	37-40	4 points
Naglieri Local Norm Percentile Rank	70-80%	3 points
	81-88%	6 points
	89-94%	9 points
	95-100%	12 points
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Grade 7 Entrance Criteria - applies to all students		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Link It! Math (prior grade Form B - winter)	Meets Expectations	2 points
	Exceeds Expectations	4 points
Link It! Math (prior grade Form C- spring)	Meets Expectations	2 points
	Exceeds Expectations	4 points
Link It! ELA (prior grade Form B - winter)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! ELA (prior grade Form C - spring)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Literary Analysis BM (prior grade - spring)	16-17	2 points
	18-20	4 points
Learning Behavior Survey (adopted from Renzulli-Hartman scale)	25-28	1 points
	29-32	2 points
	33-36	3 points
	37-40	4 points
Naglieri Local Norm Percentile Rank	70-80%	3 points
	81-88%	6 points
	89-94%	9 points
	95-100%	12 points
Students who score in the top 7% will be granted entrance into the program. This range is typically 24 - 32 points.		

Grade 8 Entrance Criteria - applies to all students		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Link It! Math (prior grade Form B - winter)	Meets Expectations	2 points
	Exceeds Expectations	4 points
Link It! Math (prior grade Form C- spring)	Meets Expectations	2 points
	Exceeds Expectations	4 points
Link It! ELA (prior grade Form B - winter)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Link It! ELA (prior grade Form C - spring)	Meets Expectations	1 point
	Exceeds Expectations	2 points
Literary Analysis BM (prior grade - spring)	16-17	2 points
	18-20	4 points
<i>Students who earn 12-16 points in Level 1 will be evaluated further with Level 2 criteria.</i>		
Grade 8 - Level 2 Entrance Criteria		
Measure	Criteria	Score Values
Learning Behavior Survey (adopted from Renzulli-Hartman scale)	25-28	1 points
	29-32	2 points
	33-36	3 points
	37-40	4 points
CogAT Screener Age Percentile Rank	70-80%	3 points
	81-88%	6 points
	89-94%	9 points
	95-100%	12 points
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Entrance Criteria

*The top 7-8% (state average is 7.4%) of ranked students will be admitted into the gifted and talented program. Percentile ranking will be compared to the district grade-level population. The leveling criteria for honors courses at the Township of Ocean Intermediate School can be found on the district website [HERE](#).

Alternate Pathway Option:

Any teacher (including ELL, SE, Interventionist, Instructional Coach, or other), guidance counselor, school administrator, and/or parent may request further evaluation of any student who does not meet the Entrance Criteria. These requests should be made to the Supervisor of Elementary Math, Social Studies, and Gifted and Talented. Further evaluation should include work samples and/or other evidence of students' abilities.

Grades 9-12

Description of Services

Gifted and Talented services in grades 9-12 are offered through five credit honors and advanced placement courses. These courses provide acceleration, compacted curriculum, and challenge students' abilities.

Entrance Criteria

Students are recommended into these courses by their previous year teacher. Any student not recommended for placement in these levels may request an leveling appeal. Most students will either be granted entrance in the program or agree to rescind their appeal request. The Ocean Township High School promotes a philosophy of access for all students. Any student seeking access to an honors or advanced placement course should begin that request with their guidance counselor.